

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—I would like to know whether Hotel Metropole is a five-star or three-star hotel. The K.R.S. Hotel is a small hotel which is expected to cater to the needs of the common man there. This being so, what is the object in calling for tenders only from five-star hotels? Is it to minimise competition?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—The purpose was to give a very high standard of catering because in these hotels mostly foreigners come and stay. These hotels have to mostly keep in view the requirements of foreigners who come. That is the reason why gradation of hotels has been done by the Government of India to encourage foreign tourism.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over.

**Questions for Answers on the Day
but not taken (up)**

**Misappropriation of funds by the Chairman, of DPP
Co-operative Society of Itagi Village.**

536. **SRI K. B. KOLIWAD** (Ranibennur).—Will the minister for Co-operation be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Chairman of D. P. P. Co-operative Society of Itagi village in Ranebennur taluk has misappropriated the funds of the said society;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter:

(c) the amount misappropriated?

SHRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Administrator of the Society has been directed to lodge a criminal complaint and also to file arbitration case on the Ex-Chairman and Ex-Secretary of the Society.

(c) Rs. 13,068-31.

Rig wells in Tumkur

409. **SRI ANDANAIAH** (Kunigal).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Rig wells installed in Tumkur District (Drinking Water Wells);

(b) the names of firms and agencies approved by the Stores Purchase Committee for purchase of hand pumps;

(c) the cost of each Rig well including hand pump?

SHRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj).—

(a) (i) Sunk	767
(ii) Successful	604
(b) There is no S. P. D. rate contract for hand pumps.	
(c) About Rs. 12,000.	

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:

re: Strike by Aluminium Factory Warneers, Belgaum

SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to the strike by Aluminium Factory workers in Belgaum.

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Labour).—Regarding this I may be allowed three days time because conciliation is in progress. We may achieve something today or tomorrow. I will make a statement on Saturday or Monday.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Today it is 57th day of strike. The loss to the Central Government is Rs one crore per month and to the State Government it is Rs. 10 lakhs. The workers are also suffering. I request you to direct him to make a statement tomorrow. Today there is conciliation he can make a statement tomorrow.

SRI C. N. PATIL.—If conciliation succeeds today, tomorrow I will make a statement.

Notice under Rule 312

re : fall in prices of Silk Cocoons.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಬ್ಯಾರೆಗ್ರಾಡ್ (ವೇಮಂಗಲ್).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಿಂದರೆ ಇವೊತ್ತಿನದಿವಸ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ರೇಣ್ಣೆ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಿಯ ಬಹಳ ಮುಂಬಿ ಹಾದಂದು. ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಆತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಘಾನಿನೇ ಏಕೆಂಜಂಸನ್ ತರ್ಕಾತ್ಮೆ ಇದ್ದಂತಹ ಈ ರೇಣ್ಣೆ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಿಯದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಏನಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಏರಂಡು ಲಕ್ಷ್ಯ ರೈತರ ತಲೆಯ ಹೇಳಿ ಬಂದಂ ದೊಡ್ಡ ನೀಟುವನ್ನು ಎಳೆದಂತಹ ಬಂದಂ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನೆಂದರೆ ಬಂದಂ ಕೆ. ರೇಣ್ಣೆಗೆ ಇಗ್ನಿ-ಬಿಗ್ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದು ಇಂಥಂದ್ದು ಇವೊತ್ತು ಒಂದು ಕೆ. ರೇಣ್ಣೆಗೆ ೬, ೧, ೮, ೧೦, ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇಳಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಈ ರೇಣ್ಣೆ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಅವಲಂಬಿಸಿರತಕ್ಕ ಎರಂಡು ಲಕ್ಷ ಕುಟುಂಬಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾನಿಯಾಗಿ ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಂತಹ ಆಸ್ತಿಪಾಸ್ತಿಗಳ್ಲಿನವು ಹೊಗೆ ತತ್ತ್ವಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ ಆದರೆ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಶ್ರವಂವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಇರಬೇಕು ಎಂಬು ಶೋಷನೀಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ರೈತರೇ ದೇಶದ ಬೆನ್ನುವಿಳಾಳಿ ಎಂದು ತೇರ್ಕತ್ತೆಂಥೂ ಈ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಈ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ರೈತರನ್ನು ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬಡಿಯಂ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ನಾನು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಕೆವಾಗಿ ಈ ವಾತಿಯ ವಂತಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಂಲು ಅವರನ್ನು ಹೃತಿಷ್ವರ್ವವಾಗಿ ವಂದಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅವರು ದಕ್ಷತೆಯಿಂದ